

From: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
To: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: Bird Carcasses Delivered to our office.
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 8:51:43 PM

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We appreciate the notification and the drop off location for the birds possibly involved in fuel spill. In accordance with the m-opinion (M-37050) we are no longer involved in MBTA incidental take issues. It has been recommended to count and identify the species but that will be left up to the ES office to decide. Please retain/dispose of the birds as the ES office sees fit.

Thanks,

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On Thu, Apr 5, 2018 at 12:56 PM, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)>@fws.gov wrote:

Hi (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Sorry I do not have more information for you regarding these bird carcasses. I have been trying to scramble between meetings and attempting to catch incoming calls when possible.

As noted, this morning I received a call from an (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) at phone number (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who indicated that he was delivering some dead waterfowl to the FWS that were collected from a wetland that had been impacted from a fuel spill caused by a pipe breach near Buhl Idaho. The pipe was owned by Anveavor pipeline. I noted that these carcasses were likely to be delivered to our Law Enforcement Staff. Not knowing specifically who to deliver the birds to, he mentioned that he would leave them at our office.

I passed on to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) the limited info that I had on hand, left a message with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to provide input on handling possible contaminated birds, and attempted to contact you via phone. You returned my called just prior to 10:30 AM, at which time I provided you with the phone information that I had been provided.

While I was in a meeting, someone (I suspect (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)) dropped off two coolers at the front BLM Greeters Desk that were indicated to contain bird carcasses. Unfortunately, no one from the office actually met the person and took any information regarding the contents or nature of the assumed bird mortality. There was a card left with the containters

Printed on the front of the card was...

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I took the two coolers to our warehouse area for temporary holding, and placed them on top of our chest freezer. Not knowing what killed the birds, I did not open the containers. Our freezer is unavailable for use as there is some sort of construction occurring in our workspace.

I attempted to contact both (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for more information, but neither were at their indicated phone numbers.

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followed up by phone and asked that I keep her informed, as this may be a contaminant program issue. However, she noted that she spoken with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (?) in eastern Idaho, who noted that birds had been collected that may or may have died from gunshot wounds. I noted that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had indicated the birds being provided had been killed due to some sort of fuel spill, so there is still uncertainty about the cause of death.

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had indicated to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that you (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) would be following up on the issue.

I then gave you a follow up call. You indicated that due to the new solicitors opinion regarding incidental take, if these were mortalities incidental to an oil spill, there may be no need to hold the carcasses as there would be no need for an enforcement response. You were going to check on this matter and follow-up as you obtained additional direction.

I briefed (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) regarding our conversation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) indicated that she had heard that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) may be delivering additional birds later on if more were recovered. She asked to also be kept in the loop, especially if we get any related inquiries from the public/media.

That's all I know for the moment.

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